



**United States Department of State**

*Washington, D.C. 20520*

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Case No. F-2019-06626

Ms. Emma Best  
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Dear Ms. Best:

This is to inform you that the Chairman of the Department's Appeals Review Panel ("ARP") has received your letter of August 23, 2019, appealing the above Freedom of Information case.

Please note that the authority of the Appeals Review Panel is limited to examining the information in documents actually denied. Since your request is still being processed, there is no action for the ARP at this time.

Should you have any questions concerning the status of your request you may contact [FOIAStatus@state.gov](mailto:FOIAStatus@state.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori Hartmann".

Lori Hartmann  
Appeals Officer  
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